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SLIMY SERPENTS SEEK SHADOWS

For some time Wilmington's slimy newspaper has indulged in lying about one of Wilmington's first citizens because he is a candidate for office and opposed by the editor of the serpent's hiss. That paper is Addicks' "Sun," and the respected citizen Hon. George W. Bush, Republican candidate for mayor. The charges were that the poor man in Wilmington has to pay more for coal than is paid in Philadelphia or Baltimore and Mr. Bush being in the coal business is responsible; that Mr. Bush owns coal gas stock, etc.

In our last issue we showed the contemptible politics of the Union Republicans in their efforts to defeat every Republican candidate at the municipal election to be held to-day and to elect Democrats, and especially the falsehoods against Mr. Bush through the "Sun."

On Monday the "Sun" commented to the extent of a column upon the TRANSCRIPT'S forcible putting of the case and to the Wilmington Republican papers tauntingly said:

"It is singular that the first and only defense offered by or for Mr. Bush should come from a place so far from home."

On Monday afternoon "Every Evening," a Democratic paper, took up the false charges and did Mr. Bush justice, proving in fact that the cost of coal is less in Wilmington than in Philadelphia or Baltimore. On Tuesday and since the "Morning News" poured the hot water of truth upon the slimy serpents, showing Mr. Bush owns no gas stock; since they have sought the shadows to hiss an occasional falsehood. The respectable papers and the respected citizens of Wilmington should pound the heads of the lying, slimy serpents at every appearance, else they grow bold and dangerous. They fear a flood light of truth and sneak to the shades when it is thrown upon them.

The "Sun" lies again saying, "the TRANSCRIPT speaks of Wilmington's workingmen as 'stupid' and 'ignorant.'"

Here is what the TRANSCRIPT said:

"There are always those so stupid, so ignorant, as to believe anything."

That was all the TRANSCRIPT said about "stupid" or "ignorance." No reference in anyway was made to "workingmen."

How can any honest Republican uphold such a policy, built upon falsehoods so glaring? This is Addicksism and we are sorry to say that the Union Republicans have taken it to their bosoms, the slimy serpents of falsehood and bribery, foundation stones. No man can successfully deny the truth of our plain words.

OUT OF THEIR OWN MOUTHS.

(From State Sentinel, May 20th.)

In the beginning of the present Wilmington city campaign, "down country people" felt very little interest in what was viewed as a mere local struggle, for what to us appeared of secondary importance, and most of us were disposed to pay little attention to it. * * * * * We are now fast approaching the end. To-day's primary election held by the Union Republicans will tell the story. * * * * * The Democrats have held their primaries and mustered less than two thousand votes. The Regulars held theirs on Wednesday last, with a record of less than twelve hundred votes. * * * * * Whatever the result may be, we sincerely trust it will result in an unmistakably counting of noses. If the Regulars make good their claim to a superiority of numbers, we will gracefully acquiesce. If on the other hand the Unionists out-number them, then we shall claim all the credit due us. We want the relative strength of the two factions determined.

The primary election was held. The Addicksites were disappointed. With all their efforts they polled but one-half the vote polled by the Regulars. Have they acquiesce as the "Sentinel" promised? No. They hoped to be in position to claim the rights of a majority but failing in that they are as a minority using every effort to defeat the Republican candidates and to elect Democrats. Union Republicans have no expectation of winning to-day. Here is another proof of deliberate falsehood on the part of the chief party mouth piece. Hear it:

(From State Sentinel. May 27th.)

The Morning News says: "The count has been made;" "noses have been counted." Not yet, we take it. If it were true, if the primary elections settled the question, then Dr. Fahey might as well be inducted into office. June 3d will make the count and count the noses, and we are content to wait till then. It is not safe to count chickens before they are hatched; and the period of incubation has not yet passed. We suggest to the News, don't crow too soon. It may be wise to wait for some of the hatching of June 3d to do the crowing.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY has issued an order amending the civil service rules and removing about four thousand offices from civil service protection. They are in the Internal Revenue Service principally. And how the Democratic papers howl though secretly they commend the act. 'Tis politics to howl. It pleases the mugwump and he votes. The "Every Evening" makes a little kick, not near so vigorous, however, as usual with it at changes of civil service by a Republican President. Never during Cleveland's two terms did the "Every Evening" raise an objection or suggest a violation of the civil service when a Republican was turned out of office to make a place for a Democrat. Like Cleveland the "Every Evening" believes in civil service for the benefit of its party—not always the whole Democratic party by a long shot.

THE "Smyrna Times," the oldest weekly in the State and in its local news one of the best, celebrates its 45th birthday this week by changing its form from a folio to a six column quarto. With the exception of eleven years, from 1866 to '77, the present senior editor has been in the editorial harness these 45 years. His brother, Mr. Joseph H. Hoffecker, took charge of the paper those eleven years while Mr. Robert D. sought health as a farmer and a manufacturer. As an excellent review in the anniversary number suggests, the paper has always stood for the best interests of Smyrna and community. Long may it stand for the same, and may the senior editor live many years to see the junior editor, his son and namesake, develop the business when the entire responsibility shall fall on him.

A VALUABLE PUBLICATION.

The Pennsylvania Railroad 1899 Summer Excursion Route Book.

On June 1 the Passenger Department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will publish the 1899 edition of its Summer Excursion Route Book. This work is designed to provide the public with short descriptive notes of the principal Summer resorts of Eastern America, with the routes for reaching them, and the rates of fare. It contains all the principal seashore and mountain resorts of the east, and over fifteen hundred different routes or combinations of routes for reaching them. The book has been compiled with the utmost care, and altogether is the most complete and comprehensive handbook of Summer travel ever offered to the public.

It is bound in a handsome and striking cover, in colors, and contains several maps, presenting the exact route over which tickets are sold. It is also profusely illustrated with fine half-tone cuts of scenery at the various resorts and along the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

On and after June 1 it may be procured at any Pennsylvania Railroad ticket office at the nominal price of ten cents, or, upon application to the general office, Broad Street Station, by mail for twenty cents.

LITERARY NOTES.

The frontispiece of St. Nicholas for June shows a little girl tugging at the reins of a four-horse team, which a blind man could see was running away. "Little Rhody" is her name, or nickname; and it is the name of the story also, and if one holds his breath in reading it, that is just what the author and the artist intended him to do. It is a very different sort of story from Mrs. Barr's serial, "Trinity Bell's," which aims to charm rather than to thrill the reader. The "Training for Boys" that Samuel Scoville, Jr., describes and H. S. Watson pictures is not the training that is to fit him especially for a professional career; it is the training for athletic sports, which, taken in moderation, will make him a better man physically, and therefore mentally and perhaps morally, no matter what his lifework is to be. "Mars, the Planet of Romance," described by Miss Mary Proctor, the famous astronomer's daughter, proves to be identical with "The Great Red Planet of the West," described by Mrs. Mabe Loomis Todd, a distinguished astronomer's wife. Just how wide a field for speculation this red and romantic planet affords is indicated by the fact that whereas Miss Proctor believes it to be suffering from an excessive water supply, Mrs. Todd lays stress upon its lack of moisture. It is a fascinating subject of study none the less—perhaps all the more—because of the scantiness of our exact information as to its canals and polar caps, its lakes or seas, and its foliage, if it have any, or barrenness, if it have none. Fresh instalments appear of Miss Carolyn Wells's "Story of Betty," Mrs. Laura E. Richards's "Quicksilver Sue," and Mr. Rupert Hughes's "The Dozen from Lakerim." As usual, the magazine abounds in pictures and verses.

The June Century is an Out-of-Doors Number, abounding with full-page illustrations, including a frontispiece by Albert Sterner, representing Izaak Walton seated reading under a tree—and of course fishing as he reads. This is apropos of the opening article—a discursive essay on "Fisherman'sLuck," by that redoubtable angler, the Rev. Henry van Dyke, printed with decorative page-borders. Dr. van Dyke's essay is followed by a descriptive study of Niagara Falls by Mrs. Schuyler van Rensselaer, based on an unusual familiarity with this great natural wonder, and showing a keen appreciation of its "little loveliness," as well as of its grander aspects. Mrs. Van Rensselaer's text is supplemented by a number of full-page and smaller pictures by Castaigne. Other outdoor papers in this number are Capt J. C. Ayres's "After Big Game with Packs," an illustrated accout of a hunting expedition in which pack-mules played an important part; "Out of Doors in Texas," by E. S. Nadal, author of the delightful "Notes of a Professional Exile," and "Out of Doors in Colorado," by H. P. Ufford: In the same out-of doors category is "The Tramp and the Railroads," in which Josiah Flynt, the well-known expert in tramp life, presents in popular form the results of an investigation of the means adopted by a great railroad to abate the tramp nuisance on its lines—a work of importance to the public no less than to the railroads themselves. "With Lawton at El Caney," by Frank Norris, author of "McTeague." is the only Spanish-American war-paper in this month's Century. The continuation of Gen. Sherman's diary of his European tour of 1872 deals mainly with the battlefields of the Franco-Prussian war, and the current instalment of Prof. Wheeler's "Alexander the Great," with Castaigne's brilliant compositions, describes "Alexander's Mightiest Battle" (Gougamela,) and the flight and death of Darius. Mr. Stockton's Vizier of the Two-Horned Alexander (now Mr. Crowder of New York) tells this month how he buried his treasurers in the Catacombs about the time of Columbus's first voyage to America and dug them up again three centuries later, and Paul L. Ford, in his "Many-Sided Franklin" chapter, considers the philosopher as writer and journalist. Mr. Crawford's "Via Crucis" is continued, and there are short stories by Tudor Jenks, Ruth McEnery Stuart, and Seumes McManus, author of "Through the Peat Smoke." The poetry is in keeping with the character of this open-air number of the magazine.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address,

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—The numerous friends of Mr. Joseph L. Parsons will regret to learn of his illness since Tuesday. He is quite weak and threatened with typhoid.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Special Correspondent.

President McKinley instructed Gen. Otis to tell the representatives of Aguinaldo, when they left his line, after their recent stay of several days in Manila, conferring with the American Commissioners, that neither they nor any others sent by the Filipinos would be again admitted to our lines unless they came authorized to make an unconditional surrender. This means business and, in order to put Gen. Otis in a better condition to force compliance with his terms, more regular troops will be hurried to him as rapidly as possible. President McKinley is just as much averse to calling out more volunteers as ever, but he recognizes the fact that it may become necessary to do so in the near future, and if the necessity arises he will meet it. Among the President's recent callers was Hon. John Barrett, who was appointed Minister to Siam by Mr. Cleveland, and who has just returned from Manila, where he spent ten months studying the situation. Mr. Barrett said: "I was not originally in favor of the permanent retention of the islands, but the more I studied the question of our standing, politically and commercially, in the Pacific, the more convinced I became that our control there was essential to our prominence and prosperity in the far East. We stand to-day as one of the great powers of the Pacific. If we should withdraw control over the Philippines, we should abdicate a position that stands second to none and come after Great Britain, Russia, Germany and Japan. The vast interests of our Pacific coast forbids this. The East, and especially New England, should turn in and co-operate in this move." Of the present situation, Mr. Barrett said: "Next to the rainy season, the worst thing our troops have to contend against in the Philippines is the news of the anti-imperialist agitation in this country, which is being sedulously gathered, and finds its way to the insurgents. They think this movement means a great deal, and that if they keep on long enough, the agitation in America will come to their rescue." Upon a subject in which practically everybody in the U. S. is deeply interested, Mr. Barrett said: "All this talk about Admiral Dewey's health is misleading. I saw a great deal of him, and spent a day with him just before I came away. He is not ill in the sense that he needs anything more than rest and quiet. It is not generally known that he never left Manila Bay from the time he entered it until his final departure a few days ago. In all that time, the other officers and his aides made many trips to Hong Kong and other points for rest and recreation."

The Civil Service order which has been so long deferred by more important matters has been issued by President McKinley. It excepts something like four thousand positions from the Civil Service rules—positions which every member of the cabinet agrees should not be under those rules. It does not except the employees of the Government Printing office. There is some talk about another special order being issued, excepting those employes, but nothing official can be had to that effect.

The Dewey Home fund is not growing as fast as was hoped from the indications when the movement was first started, but it has grown steadily. Contributions have been made by President McKinley, Vice-President Hobart and many other prominent men. The fund has just passed the $5,000 mark.

The failure of the Cuban soldiers to apply for their share of the money sent to be distributed among them has caused no uneasiness in Washington. The general sentiment in official circles is indifference as to whether they take the money or not, and no serious trouble is anticipated from the disgruntled leaders who have persuaded the poor devils, who need the money so badly, to go away from Havana without it, rather than surrender their arms.

The South Carolina Congressional delegation has been urging the Post Office Department to re-open the P. O. at Lake city, S. C., which was closed after the brutal killing of the colored Postmaster, but Postmaster General Smith has not decided to accede to their request, but has sent a special agent there to look over things and to report whether the office should be re-established. Inasmuch as a jury, made up from that community refused to convict men who were clearly proven to have participated in the killing of the postmaster, it would not be surprising should the Department decide to allow the Post Office to remain closed for awhile longer, as a reminder of the crime committed here.

Senator Aldrich has called a special meeting of the Senate Committee on Finance, of which he is chairman, for June 9th, under authority given by the Senate at the lest session of Congress. At this meeting, a sub-committee will be named, composed of all the Republican members, which will consider the financial bill prepared by the House Caucus Committee, several weeks ago. The Committee will meet in New York and it is hoped will accept the bill prepared by the House Caucus Committee, which is declared by those who have seen it to be a conservative and safe measure.

CONVENTION NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION, LOS ANGELES, CAL.

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For the National Educational Association Convention, to be held at Los Angeles, Cal., July 11th to 14th, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets via direct routes from points on its line, to Los Angeles, Cal., and return, at rate of "single fare for the round trip, plus $2.00 membership fee." These tickets will be sold, good going, June 24th to July 7th, and, when stamped by Joint Agent at Los Angeles, good to return, arriving at final destination, until September 5th.

For further information apply to Ticket Agents.

MY MARYLAND.

Washington College commencement will be held from June 18th to 21st, inclusive.

The Rev. E. M. Hardcastle, of Easton, has been appointed assistant rector of St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, Baltimore.

Mayor Malster, of Baltimore, has purchased for $11,500 the handsome country home of the late Morris G. Howell, near Catonsville.

District Attorney Beck and Officer William J. Burns went to Snow Hill and found plates for the printing of front and back of $10 notes buried at the home of Breddell's father.

Earlville Council Jr. O. U. A. M., raised a flag over their new hall on Wednesday last. Addresses were made by Hon. John S. Wirt, of Elkton, and Rev. R. I. Watkins, of New Castle.

It is very apparent that the Baltimore Sun intends to support Governor Lowndes in the coming campaign, if he is nominated, unless the Democrats present a candidate for Governor entirely acceptable to that journal. As the Sun is a power that cannot well be ignored, it would be well for the Democrats to nominate eome individual that the Sun can endorse.—Cecil Democrat.

Harry K. Stout, formerly of Dover, now of the Washington Post, Washington, D. C., and Miss Olga Hill, of Chestertown, Md., were quietly married at the residence of the bride's parents on Wednesday night last by Rev. J. M. Gill. Miss Hill is a niece of the present chancellor of Maryland. Miss Mary Hill, a sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Fred Usilton, of the Kent News, was best man.

The tracks of the P. W.&B. R. R., in the vicinity of Elkton have been straightened, and the dangerous curve near Iron Hill is now a thing of the past. The work was commenced about three years ago and the new ground was purchased from Jacob Howard, James A. Merrry, William McKelvey and others. The contract to build the new road over Big Elk Creek, near Elkton to Iron Hill, a distance of over two miles was given to Simms&Co., of Philadelphia. During the progress of this work surveyors had been at work on other parts of the line, and as soon as the work between Iron Hill and Elkton was finished, a contract was made to have the curves between Bacon Hill and Northeast, and Charlestown, although a distance of six miles, taken out. The work was started, and the new roadbed crossed the old bed some five times, cutting out two bad curves. The work began at a point about one mile above Bacon Hill Station to within one mile of Northeast Station, and from a point about one-half mile below Northeast to a short distance below Broad Creek culvert, about one mile above Charlestown. The expense incurred in making these changes was very heavy. The engineering department was in charge of J. T. Stuart. To do this work the contractors had three steam shovels, six narrow-gauge and four standard gauge locomotives, 110 narrow and 72 standard gauge cars, and 10 hoisting engines employed on the work. The highest number of men employed at any one time was 370. To give some idea of the magnitude of the work, over 411,000 cubic yards of dirt were moved, representing over 19,300 large carloads and 70,000 small carloads. Five new arches were built, and two old ones enlarged, representing over 10,000 cubic yards of masonry. Part of the new roadbed went through the edge of the river, and this was filled in with the dirt from cuts. The length of the change between Bacon Hill and Northeast was 7,806 feet; curvature eliminated, 70 degrees 57 minutes; line shortened by change, 98 6-10 feet. The length of the change between Bacon Hill and Northeast was 14,356 feet; curvature eliminated, 100 degrees and 02 minutes, line shortened, 503 feet. The total distance saved by all of the changes is from one-quarter to one-half mile.

SUSSEX COUNTY

The Queen Anne's Railroad will erect a new station at Ellendale to take the place of the one recently destroyed by lightning.

Representatives of the Christian Church, who are looking for a seashore resort at which they can meet annually, visited Rehoboth this week.

The proposed route to the head of Rehoboth Bay is being staked out by the engineer corps of the Pennsylvania railroad. The new spur of track will pass the Hotel Douglass.

One of the spokes from the wheel of the battleship Maine is hanging in the window of Welch's store in Milton labelled: "Cut from the wheel of the Maine by W. H. Magee, Jr." It was secured on January 1st last.

The Queen Anne Railroad Co. has chartered the steamer B. S. Ford, to aid in handling the contemplated large excursion business between Baltimore and Rehoboth. The first Sunday excursion to Rehoboth will be given on June 11th. The steamer which the company is having built will be in service about the middle of July.

KENT COUNTY.

A flag raising was held at Kitts' Hammock on Saturday last and an appropriate exercise was given. Captain Thomas Pardee presented the flag and it was received by Editor R. H. Wilson. A large crowd was present.

The school of methods of Kent County will begin its annual session on June 3d. The faculty for the present year will be Dr. Charles C. Rounds, Mrs. Emma V. Thomas and Miss Lillian Wallace. A general examination will be held on August 5th.

Try Allen's Foot-Ease.

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WANAMAKER'S.

Philadelphia, Monday, May 29, 1899.

The Muslin Underwear Was Never Better

In making a million and a half pieces one might suppose that makers would grow hasty and careless, but system brings each detail to its own particular worker and the garments are as carefully made by thousands as individual garments are made at home. Very particular women tell us that their own home-done work would not be executed with the extreme care for details that appears in all of the better sorts gathered here at this time. Even the very cheapest pieces are substantially and neatly put together and made in liberal sizes. These hints of prices—

Night Gowns—

At 45c—Night Gowns of cambric; front trimmed with lace and fine plaits; neck and sleeves trimmed with lawn ruffle.

At 50c—Night Gowns of muslin; square yoke of clusters of plaits and rows of insertion; neck and sleeves embroidery trimmed.

At 60c—Night Gowns of muslin; pointed yoke of insertion and fine plaits; neck and sleeves trimmed with neat embroidery.

At $1—Night Gowns of cambric; round yoke of lace, trimmed with lawn ruffle, edged with lace; neck and sleeves lace trimmed.

At $1.25—Night Gowns of muslin in empire style, trimmed with pretty embroidery and insertion.

Petticoats—

At 75c—Petticoats of cambric, with deep lawn ruffle trimmed with lace.

At 85c—Petticoats of muslin; lawn ruffle, with three plaits edged with embroidery.

At $1—Petticoats of good muslin; umbrella ruffle of cambric with row of embroidery insertion and three plaits; cambric dust ruffle.

At $1.50—Petticoats of muslin; deep umbrella ruffle of lawn, trimmed with three clusters of three plaits each, and rows of insertion on the bias; edged with embroidery; gathered lawn dust ruffle.

Drawers—

At 35c—Drawers of muslin, trimmed with cambric ruffle, with one row of hemstitching and cluster of fine plaits above.

At 50c—Drawers of cambric, trimmed with dainty embroidery with cluster of plaits above.

At 65c—Drawers of muslin, trimmed with wide embroidery with fine plaits above.

Corsets—

At 50c—Princess Summer Corsets; long or short waist; two side steels; double clasp in front.

At 50c—Flora Corsets, long waist; boned bust; double clasp in front; well boned.

At $1.25—L R Abdominal Summer Corsets; of durable net; Spoon clasp corded bust; heavily boned; adapted to stout figures.

Children's Wash Dresses

A beautiful assortment of the dainty Dresses needed by the children for the summer days, is gathered here; and prices are most reasonable. These hints of them—

At $1.25—Neatly striped Dresses, with lapels over shoulder, edged with embroidery.

At $1.50—Gingham Dresses, with ruffle over shoulder; prettily trimmed.

At $2.75—Pretty two-piece Dresses of percale, with large sailor collar of pique, prettily trimmed.

At $4.25—Dainty Dresses of blue and pink chambray, with large circular collar, trimmed with white beading; short sleeves edged with embroidery; skirt also trimmed.

At $3—Combination Blouse Suits of navy blue flannel, with large sailor collar and shield front, trimmed with braid.

Women's Separate Washable Skirts

More and more women are coming to fully appreciate the dress possibilities of the separate skirt. To be sure, it means an economy in dress that we, as sellers, shouldn't advocate—if this was an ordinary sort of a store. But it isn't. We find out the best from all standpoints—and advocate it, be it a boom or a boomerang to immediate sales. To supply best what is really best will bring us plenty of business in the aggregate—and serve you most faithfully.

A half dozen or dozen separate skirts, with a few pretty waists—both items inexpensive, if you please, give pleasant variety to summer dress and an air of freshness in the most wilting weather.

Well-shaped, well-made White Duck Skirts at 75c.

Well-made and liberal White Pique Skirts at $1.25.

White Pique Skirts, with touch of braiding or insertions of embroidery or some mark of embellishment—$2.50 to $20—mostly toward the lower prices.

Plain Pique Skirts, $1.50 to $2.75.

Linen Skirts, $1.50 to $10.75.

Novelty Skirts—white with color, or color with white, or some other weave than the usual. $11 and various prices under.

Porch and Lawn Chairs

There's a splendid gathering of this cool, comfortable and substantial summer Furniture on the fourth floor. The best furniture of the sort, that is made, is here; and there are also prices that are quite unusual. These hints—

High back, wood frame Rockers, with back and seat woven with continuous reeds, at $1.20.

Reed Stools at 50c, worth double.

Chinese Hour-glass Reed Chairs; roomy and comfortable; two sizes, $4.50 and $5

These hints of the very best and strongest outdoor Furniture of its kind: frames are of highly polished maple and oak; seats and backs are woven of double cane.

Chairs, $1 to $3.20.

Rockers, $2.50 to $5.

Settees, $5 and $5.50; with rockers a dollar more.

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Golf Capes and Jackets, $5, $7.50, $10

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Dark Mixed Cheviot Suits worth $6; to close at $3.
Dark Mixed Covert Suits worth $15; to close at $10.
Cheviot Serge Suits worth $10; to close at $7.50.
Fine Homespun Suits worth $22.50; to close at $15.

Silk by the Yard

20 inch black Taffeta—75c. quality at 55c.
23 inch black Taffeta—$1 quality at 75c.
19 inch plaid colored Taffeta—85c. quality at 69c.
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Carpets

We began to-day with clearing out prices in our carpet rooms for Carpets and Rugs. The spring season's business has left us with odd pieces and patterns not to be made again and we have priced them very low.

Wilton Carpets, $1.00 from $1.75.
Bigelow Axminsters, $1.00 from $1.65.
Axminsters, 75c from $1.25 and $1.00.
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from 75c to $4.00, in an elegant assortment of styles both plain and lace trimmed, with tucked and open work. The pure linen White Waists in plain and tucked are very popular and handsome.

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Thursday,	8, 8 p m	Friday, 9,	5 p m
Monday,	12, 11½ a m	Tuesday, 13,	8 p m
Thursday,	15, 12½ p m	Friday, 16,	11 a m
Monday,	19, 4 p m	Tuesday, 20,	1½ p m
Thursday,	22, 7 p m	Friday, 23,	4½ p m
Monday,	26, 11 a m	Tuesday, 27,	7½ p m
Thursday,	29, 12½ p m	Friday, 30,	11 a m

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STATEMENT

For the year ending Decembr 31 1898

According to the Standard of the Insurance Department of the State of New York

INCOME

Received for Premiums	$42,318,748 51
From all other Sources	12,687,880 92
	$55,006,629 43

DISBURSEMENTS

To Policy-holders for Claims by Death	$13,265,908 00
To Policy-holders for Endowments, Dividends, etc.	11,485,751 32
For all other accounts	10,493,379 53
	$35,245,038 88

ASSETS

United States Bonds and other Securities	$160,956,141 38
First Lien Loans on Bond and Mortgage	68,503,580 90
Loans on Bonds and other Securities	9,396,619 00
Real Estate appraised by Insurance Superintendents at $23,534,826.88: Book Value	20,604,649 61
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies	11,621,377 36
Accrued Interest, Net Deferred Premiums, etc.	6,434,957 16
	$277,517,325 24

LIABILITIES

Policy Reserves, etc.	$233,058,640 68
Contingent Guarantee Fund	42,238,684 68
Divisible Surplus	2,220,000 00
	$277,517,325 24
Insurance and Annuities in force	$971,711,997 79

I have carefully examined the foregoing Statement and find the same to be correct; liabilities calculated by the Insurance Department.

CHARLES A. PRELLER Auditor

From the Divisible Surplus a dividend will be apportioned as usual.

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Wilmington, Del.

REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER'S OFFICE, NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., March 31st, 1899.

Upon the application of David H. Knotts and Robert P. Moore, Administrators of William H. Hickey, late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Administrators aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register aforesaid at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

{SEAL}

CALVIN W. CROSSAN, Register.

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the Thirty-first day of March, A. D. 1899, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to the said Administrators, on or before the Thirty-first day of March, 1900, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

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Bethesda M. E. Church.—Rev. Isaac L. Wood, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m., A. G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, every Thursday evening, 7.30 o'clock. Junior Epworth League and Epworth Cadets every Friday night at 7 o'clock. Young Ladies' Mission Circle, Monday nights at Parsonage. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Mite Society, first Saturday night of each month. Official Board meeting first Friday afternoon of each month at 2.30 o'clock.

Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, H. C. Ellison, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday after noon at 3 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7.30 a. m. Divine services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 7 30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a. m. Evening Prayer on Friday at 3.30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 10 a. m., and 5.30 p. m. Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 7.45 p. m. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 p. m., the Ladies on the first and third Fri days of each month at 2 p. m., the Boys' Club on Friday evenings at 7.30 and the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JUNE 3, 1899.

NOTICE.

Because of illness many subscriptions paid recently have not been changed on the labels though properly credited in the subscription books. Prompt notice should be given of failure to receive paper, or if town carrier does not leave paper where desired.

Local News.

—Wheat harvest is nearly here.

—Anniversary at Old Drawyers to-morrow.

—Lady wants position as clerk. Apply at this office.

—The warm days of the past week remind us that summer is here.

—Notes, bonds, warrants, in fact all kinds of legal blanks at this office.

—The Delaware Railroad issues its summer time table beginning to-day.

—The small boy now hies himself to the near ponds for an afternoon's amusement.

—For the best Dried Beef, Hams, and all Cannned Meats, go to W. T. CONNELLEE'S.

—White Leghorn Eggs 50 cents per setting. WM. R. REYNOLDS.

—Did you notice the Memorial window of Reynolds&Copp? It was very appropriate.

—DR. W. E. BARNARD, SURGEON DENTIST. Office South-east corner of Main and Scott streets.

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—Shirts, 10c; Cuffs, 4c; Collars, 2c. All work guaranteed to be the best.—Lee Sing, North Broad Street.

—William Donahoe, of Wilmington, was killed by Buffalo Bill's show train at Chester on Sunday morning last.

—For the freshest Crackers, Cakes, Oat Meal, and all Cereals, go to W. T. CONNELLEE'S.

—There is some talk of a game of base ball between a picked nine and a nine from the hose company. Can't it be arranged?

—Don't forget the entertaining and instructive Bethesda Epworth League. Meetings every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock.

—If you are going to marry, you need a nicely gotten-up invitation. Call at the TRANSCRIPT and get our prices and see samples.

—The cool weather prevalent last week came to a sudden termination on Sunday last and fans and iced drinks were much in demand.

—The latest thing in butter making is the Wheeler Gravity Cream Separator. Price from $4 to $11.00. For sale by J. F. MCWHORTER & SON.

—If you are going out of town for an outing leave your address at The Transcript office and the paper will follow you. It is the only way to keep posted on town affairs.

—Many of the friends of Col. E. T. Cooper have signed petitions to President McKinley for his release from Trenton Penitentiary. Cooper's term would expire in August.

—AGENTS WANTED:— To take orders for my specialties in Roses, Shrubs, Fruit and Ornamental Stock. I have a few specialties that sell at sight. Write for terms. C. L. Yates, Rochester, N. Y.

—The faithful employe of Messrs. W. E. Evans & Son, at the Noxentown Mills, Ben White, has returned from a Philadelphia hospital much improved from an operation for a strain. He has been with Mr. Evans 30 years.

—Cards are out announcing the wedding of Miss Bessie Maud Allen, of Wilmington, to William J. Hoffman, editor of the New Castle News, to take place Wednesday evening, June 14th, in St. Andrews' Church Wilmington.

—Mr. F. H. Burgess has returned from Boston and New York with new orders for work in the shirt factory here. Mr. Burgess states that the rumored shut down of the factory is a mistake and he has orders to run nearly all summer.

—The following pupils are on the Roll of Honor for the month of May, Brown Cottage School: Bertie Cochran, Louise Cochran, Grover Bendler, James Lockwood, Pierce Donovan, Nelson Sparks, Norman Sparks, Willie Clendaniels.

—A party of young folks spent a very pleasant day at Cool Springs near Odessa on Decoration Day. Everything passed off smoothly until two of the young people missed their hold and fell overboard, escaping with an unexpected and early spring bath.

—Now that strawberries can be had in our local markets for a very low price would it not benefit the grower to pick only the best berries? There is always a market for first-class stock, but second class is apt to become a drudge and a loss to both storekeeper and the grower.

—The Penington building at the corner of Broad and Main streets, occupied by Middletown's new dry goods store, is being improved by the addition of two bulk windows. This will make a great improvement to the property and give the tenants more room in which to display their wares.

—The Dover Index of Thursday last says: "Farmers in Kent County say that the coming wheat crop which will be harvested in a few weeks will be a poor one. It will be better than last year's crop but the yield will be only about three-quarters of a crop. The straw is very light and the ravages of the Hessian Fly have damaged growing wheat very much. This is a very unfortunate thing, a calamity, in fact. Last year farmers did not realize enough to pay phosphate bills and it now looks as if the occurance would be repeated."

—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered in Forest Presbyterian Church to-morrow morning.

—For Satatoga Chips, Germer, Shredded Biscuits and Gelatines, go to W. T. CONNELLEE'S.

—The Sunday-school at Armstrong's Chapel will give a festival, Wednesday and Thursday evenings of next week. Conveyance to and from the Chapel.

—Mrs. T. H. Gilpin has sold her farm south of St. Anne's church to a Mr. Jones of Baltimore for $6,000. About fifteen years ago Mrs. Gilpin's father, the late Governor Cochran, sold the gravel pit on each side of the railroad to the Delaware Railroad for $8,000, forty acres at $200.00 an acre.

—A Leslie Belleville, who for years lived with parents on what is now the Dr. McCoy farm between St. Georges and Kirkwood, was found dead at Scott's Hotel, Philadelphia, one morning this week. An empty bottle with evidences of a drug was near the bed. Interment was made at St. Georges yesterday.

—Rev. J. H. Leightburn, formerly of the Wilmington Conference, and well-known on this Peninsula, died last week in New York. His remains were brought to Easton Monday where interment was made. Rev. Leightburn was a preacher of considerable force and ability. He was a brother-in-law of Rev. J. S. Willis.

—Pensions have recently been granted Delawareans as follows: John W. Lewis, Wilmington, late Co. D, 5th Reg. N. Y. Heavy Artillery, $12 a month; James Trusty, Delaware City, late Co. D, 29th U. S. Colored Troops, $30 a month; Samuel Thomas, Mt. Pleasant, late Co. D, 45th Reg. U. S. Colored Troops, $8 a month.

—Mr. Howard Dickson, who for fourteen years has been an employe of the Diamond State Harness Shops and for a number of years its most efficient foreman, has because of impaired health given up his position and will represent the firm as salesman upon the road. Mr. C. W. Gardner succeeds Mr. Dickson as foreman.

—Most persons, when mowing a lawn, aim to cut the grass as close to the ground as possible. This is a mistake. The grass should be cut rather high, so as to leave enough leaf surface to enable it to grow again. When cropped often the grass is consequently compelled to make greater effort, and the shorter the grass the more difficulty in its way.

—The workmen who are repairing Forest Presbyterian Church in tearing out the library shelving found an old pulpit Bible imprint of 1793, bearing the inscription, "purchased of Robert Maxwell by Elias Naudain, 1798, for First Presbyterian Church in St. Georges Hundred, price 9 dollars." Mr. G. W. W. Naudain has the valuable link connecting the last with the present century.

—The 22d Annual Catalogue of the Delaware State Fair to be held at Dover, Sept. 5-8, has been issued. It is from the press of the Sentinel Printing Company and is a highly creditable piece of work. The Sentinel offers a year's subscription free for the detection of a typographical error in the catalogue. There is a liberal list of advertisers. Address the secretary, A. N. Brown, Dover, for a copy.

—The Levy Court elected the following tax collectors on Monday afternoon last: Wilmington hundred, Northern district, John P, Donahoe; Southern district, Lewis Dickey; Brandywine, W. E. Husbands; Christiana, George McIntyre; White Clay Creek, John W. Morrison; Pencader, J. B. LeFevre; New Castle, Patrick McGrory; Red Lion, R. T. Cann; St. Georges, L. C. Scott; Appoquinimink, Edward Hart; Blackbird, George C. Rothwell.

—As usual Principal H. S. Goldey of the Wilmington Commercial & Shorthand College sends out one of the handsomest invitations of Commencement days. It is up-to-date showing the relative size and shape of the Philippines, Cuba, Porto Rica and the Hawaiian Islands. The 13th class will graduate Thursday, June 8th, at 7.45 P. M., Grand Opera House. Ex-Senator Anthony Higgins will preside, and Ex-Senator John J. Ingalls and Mayor Ashbridge will deliver the addresses.

—Grand Master Workman Frank P. Lackey and Grand Recorder Charles E. Woods, of Wilmington, visited Union Lodge, No 6, A. O. U. W. on Tuesday night last, and rendered some valuable assistance. On account of the rapid growth of Union Lodge, and as a reward for service Master Workman J. H. Emerson was given a position as chairman of the Printing Committee of the Grand Lodge. Grand Recorder Woods states that Delaware is almost sure of the $2000 prize, in view of the fact that the membership has increased from 3960 to over 5000 members in this jurisdiction. Union Lodge has doubled its membership.

—Memorial Day in Middletown was observed in a quiet manner. Flags of all sizes and kinds were displayed from private houses and places of business. Graves of departed soldiers were decorated in loving memory by their living comrades, and the cemeteries near town were aglow with the bright flowers of memory. The banks were closed as usual. In the afternoon the Junior team of Odessa drove over to cross bats with the Junior team of this town and break the monotony of the day. The game was played on the field in the rear of Forest Presbyterian Church and resulted in a victory for the locals by a score of 14 to 12. This was a return game to one played at Odessa on Saturday last which was a defeat for our boys by a score of 7 to 6.

—The 200th anniversary of the founding of Old Swedes Church, in Wilmington, was held on Sunday last with appropriate services. On account of the size of the building entrance was gained by tickets. Services were held all day and a class of 16 was confirmed at 4 p.m. by Bishop Coleman. A picture of Rev. Magister Ericus Bjarck, rector from 1697 to 1714, was presented by a descendant of Sweden, through the Pusey & Jones Co. A number of other improvements had been made by the societies of the Church and private individuals, and the church is practically the same now as when built. Would that Delaware had more such sacred spots within her borders, and where such high principles of home devotion and patriotism are taught.

—Sweeter than the sweetest nectar from Vaughan's new soda fountain, more delicious than the prime favorite from Jones's long list of excellent soda syrups, were the big, red, ripe strawberries upon a dish of Methodist measure, surrounded with the most fragrant cut flowers and beautiful roses, with slices of cake, a dish of sugar and the silver spoon which thoughtfulness suggested a printing establishment could not supply. Who would be so kind to the occupant of the editorial chair but Mrs. A. G. Cox whose first picking of these fine berries went not upon her own table but to invalid lady friends. Nice? Oh, My! Delicious? Yum, yum! "The largest and finest I have seen this year" was the comment of several gentlemen who saw the heaping basket of Sharpless strawberries on the editor's table yesterday morning. They were grown by Mr. Stephen Boyer on the Clayton Place just north of town. Mr. Boyer is an experienced and most successful horticulturist, taking delight in producing from mother earth the best always. The berries were enjoyed. Thanks.

Unclaimed Letters.

A list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post office which can be had by saying they are advertised: Mrs. Martha Dale, Miss Alley Presberry, Mrs. Dare Redden, Mrs. Mary Thomas, Chas. Corcoran, Trim Davis, James Gray, Oron Smith, John Sparks, William E. Willison.

California and Return

One fare plus two dollars for the round trip via direct lines. Small advance to return via Portland, Tacoma and Seattle. Choice of lines east from Portland, viz., Northern Pacific Ry., Great Northern Ry. or Canadian Pacific Ry. to St. Paul. Tickets will be sold June 25th to July 7th, good to return until Septemper 4th. For map time table and full particulars address John R Pott, District Passenger Agent, Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, 486 William street, Williamsport, Pa.

Corner Stone Laying

—The corner stone of Kirkwood M. E. Church was laid on Sunday afternoon last with appropriate services. The church had been enclosed and plastered and was nearly ready for the dedicatory services. The services leading up to the laying of the corner stone were begun in the morning when Miss Sillito, of Baltimore, gave a service of song and a general gospel talk. A tabernacle had been erected on the outside to accomodate the crowd and it was filled to overflowing. A choir from Delaware City rendered choice and beautiful music during all the services. Rev. H. S. Thompson, of Delaware City, conducted the dedicatory services and the sermon was preached by Rev. I. L. Wood, of this town. The corner stone which was put in place contained a Bible, a discipline and a history of the revival out of which the church grew and was built. A special collection was taken during the day for the purpose of paying off the debt of the church which was about $500, and about $250 was secured.

McDANNELL—GEARY.

Miss Myrtle Geary, of this town, and Mr. Horace McDannell, of Wilmington, were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gears, on East Main street, on Thursday night last at 9 o'clock, by Rev. I. L. Wood, pastor of Bethesda M. E. Church, of this town. Only the immediate relatives and friends of the contracting parties were present. After the ceremony those present crowded forward to offer their congratulations. A delightful little supper was served and the crowd departed for their homes about the midnight hour. A number of handsome and useful presents were made to the bride. Mr. and Mrs. McDannell left on the 3.30 A. M. train for their future home in Wilmington. Mrs. McDannell is a daughter of Mr. Joseph Geary, of this town, and the groom is well-known in the sporting circles of the State and was a prominent member of the Warren Athletic Club. Last night a reception was held at the groom's parents in Wilmington.

ODESSA NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Vandegrift entertained Mr. Owen Sypherd, of Wilmington, Sunday.

Miss Mary Walker, of Wilmington, was an Odessa visitor Decoration Day.

Mr. Joseph Gremminger, of Philadelphia, was the guest of his parents Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. J. H. Enos is the guest of Mrs. Louis Rems, of Philadelphia.

Miss Bessie Snape, of Wilmington, attended the funeral of Lee C. Vinyard on Monday.

Mr. Joseph H. Enos was a Smyrna visitor Tuesday.

Rev. W. O. Hurst preached to the Red Men Memorial Sunday. The subject of his discussion was Abraham Lincoln.

Mrs. Sarah Walker, of Philadelphia, was in town Decoration Day.

Mrs. William Curtis and daughter, of Newark, are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Corbit.

Miss Anna Gibson has returned from a visit to Philadelphia friends.

Mr. Will Rose, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his father, Mr. David C. Rose.

Mr. William Rhodes, of Philadelphia, has been at home this week.

Mr. Stanley Stevens, of Philadelphia, is the guest of his parents.

Miss May Beth Green, of Philadelphia, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Van Dyke this week.

Mr. John Watkins, of Smyrna, was in town Thursday night.

Mrs. Columbus Watkins made the trip to Philadelphia on the Clio on Monday.

The Tennis Club have their court in fine condition and are playing ever day.

The Ladies Aid cleared about $75.00 at their strawberry festival last week.

The Col. Andrews Post, G. A. R., held services in St. Paul's M. E. cemetery and Drawyers cemetery on Decoration Day, and decorated the soldiers graves.

The remains of Lee C. Vinyard who died from lock jaw in Cooper Hospital, Camden, N. J., Thursday night, were buried from the home of his mother in Odessa on Monday afternoon. The services were conducted by the Rev. W. O. Hurst, of this town and Rev. Patterson, of New Jersey. The funeral was very large as Lee was well-known and had many friends both in the town and the surrounding country. He was only 19 years old. The family have the sincere sympathy of the entire community. This is the second young man brought home dead in less than a month.

PORT PENN NOTES.

The closing exercises of the Public School on Friday afternoon, May 26th, were of a very interesting character and reflect credit upon both teachers and scholars. The readings and recitations were good, and the Wreath Drill, performed by sixteen young girls, was extremely pretty and graceful. The Flag Drill, executed by little boys and girls, was charming. Miss Julia Vandegrift led the girls and Master Artie Dyer the boys. All the choruses were sung with spirit. Altogether it was a most enjoyable commencement. The room was crowded with the friends and relatives of the children.

Rev. Francis H. Moore, D. D., of Middletown, delivered his popular illustrated lecture on Russia on Tuesday evening, 30th ult. The audience was an appreciative one if not large. The church was beautifully decorated with white peonies, roses, fuchsias, etc. Those who did not come missed a treat.

Decoration Day was observed here. Quite a number drove or rode on their wheels to Hickory Grove Cemetery to place flowers on the graves of heroes and friends. The grave of Mrs. John Bendler was literally covered with beautiful flowers.

A strawberry festival will be given by the Willing Workers on Friday and Saturday evenings, June 2d and 3d, in the school house. There will be also music and recitations.

Shad season is now over and sturgeon season has begun.

Strawberries are here in full force at four for a quarter.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Fennimore, of Woodbury, New Jersey, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Sarah Grace, to Mr. William Rothwell Reynolds, of Middletown, on Wednesday evening, June 14th, at seven o'clock, in the Presbyterian Church. Reception from eight to ten. The bride-elect has made numerous friends here during her visits to relatives of the town and the groom-expectant is the recipient of many congratulations of relatives and friends.

Miss Lottie Jones, a young woman residing at Middletown, is distinguishing herself as a rifle shot, the Wayfarer is told. She has become so expert that she can burst blue rock targets with bullets from a 22-calibre rifle, a feat which is regarded as exceedingly difficult.—Evening Journal,

Married at St. Paul's M. E. Parsonage, Wilmington, Del., by Rev. W. L. S. Murray, on Tuesday, May 30, Mrs. Effie Bowers, of VanWert, Ohio, to Mr. Clarence W. Gardner, formerly of Lima, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner are guests at the National Hotel, where the groom has been boarding for the past year.

Hon. J. E. Rickards, of Butte City, Montana, ex-Governor of that State, was the guest of his cousin, M. B. Burris, Esq., the first of the week, being east on business.

Dr. T. J. Bowes and daughter were guests of Mr and Mrs. J. Cowgill Allston from Saturday to Tuesday.

Mr. Frank I. Reynolds and son, of Philadelphia, spent Decoration Day with his sister, Mrs. Jacob S. Cochran.

Misses Beasten, on Cass street, entertained their brother and sister from Wilmington the first three days of the week, having as guests Miss Finley and Messrs. Jones and Lamson, also of that city.

Mr. Woodhull, of the Quaker City, was a guest at Mrs. H. A. Nowland's several days this week.

Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard were called suddenly to Cheswold on Tuesday because of the illness of Miss Hattie Barnard. She is much improved.

Miss Theresa McKee, of Baltimore, is visiting the family of Mr. George W. Lockwood, near Warwick.

Miss Martha Heaton is the guest of friends at Cambridge, Md.

Mr. Robert Wilson, of Chester, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Alston near town.

Mrs. J. B. Messick is the guest of relatives and friends in Dover. Master Paul accompanied his mother for a brief stay.

Miss Gertrude Pennington, of the Quaker City, spent Decoration Day in town.

Mr. Wallace M. Holten was in Philadelphia this week.

Mr. Abe Goldstein, of the City of Brotherly Love, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Burstan two days this week.

Mrs. M. F. Baker, of Chicago, is visiting Miss Myrtle Houston and other friends in town.

Mrs. J. H. Mendinhall and children, of Wilmington, spent the day yesterday with her father, Mr. Charles P. Cochran.

Miss. Adda Foard has been the guest of her sister at Lackford Hall near McDonough this week. Master Frank R. Poole, Jr. cannot say "auntie" just yet but he looks it in an earnest way.

Hicks' Forecast for June

Cool weather will prevail from 1st to 3d During the regular storm period, central on the 4th and embracing the 3d to 6th, it will grow steadily warmer, beginning in the west and spreading eastward. The barometer will fall, cloudiness will ensue, and storms of wind and rain, attended by much hail and thunder in many sections, will culminate about the 4th, 5th and 6th. Thunderstorms and showers will prevail from 7th to 9th. From about the 9th to the 12th very active thunder storms, hail and rain will be almost certainties. Extremely high temperature may be expected about the dates above named, which, after storms of thunder, rain and hail, will suddenly give place to high barometer and very marked change to cooler. We shall not be surprised to hear of touches of frost far northward, about the 11th to 14. A regular storm period is central on the 16th covering the 14th to 18. During the 16th, 17th and 18th, these conditions will grow in extent and intensity, causing many storms of very marked lightning, thunder; rain and hail in their eastward passage over the country. The 22d to 24th is a storm period exactly at the point where the earth begins to turn backward, or westward, from her extreme elongation eastward from the Sun. At the same time the Moon will be at greatest south declination on the 22d, at full on the 23d and at perigee, or nearest the earth, on the 24th. All that we have said above concerning marked electrical and other perturbations applies to this period, A decided rise of barometric pressure and change to very much cooler will indicate the termination of this and all other storm periods of June. The last storm period for the month will be cenral on the 27th, extending from the 26th to 29th. Look for very high temperature, low barometer and active thunder storms. Cooler, fair weather with rising barometer will advance from western parts as the month goes out.

DELAWARE CITY.

Quite a number of the town people went to Kirkwood last Sunday to see the corner stone of the M. E. Church laid. The choir of the M. E. Church here assisted with the singing.

Mr. Edgar Lawrence spent Sunday with his parents in Wilmington.

W. Gardiner, of Bryn Mawr, Pa., was in town this week.

Miss Bessie Mills, of Wilmington, spent Tuesday in town.

Ex-Senator Anthony Higgins was in town on Tuesday.

Rev. T. B. Hunter visited his mother and sister this week.

Miss Annie Hunter accompanied by her mother and nieces left for Ocean Grove on Thursday. Mrs. Hunter spent a short time with her sister, Mrs. Eliza Ogle, of Wilmington joining Miss Hunter in Philadelphia on Thursday en route for Ocean Grove.

Mrs. Clayton Von Culin and daughter spent Tuesday in Chester, Pa.

Mr. Everengam and a friend spent Sunday with his daughters, May and Margaret.

Miss Foote, little Miss Ray and Miss Cecilia Dewees, of Philadelphia, were over Sunday visitors at Miss Hunter's.

The U. S. government is negotiating with Messrs. Clark and Reeves for their farms adjoining the Battery.

Mr. Depew was absent from town all of last week.

Memorial Day was observed as usual here. The demand for flowers was as usual, also.

The closing exercises of the Kindergarten School were held on Wednesday afternoon and several ladies, principally mothers of the small pupils, were present. In conducting the exercises the manner of the teacher was particularly gentle but firm, attractive and winning. The majority of the children were interested and evidence of affection for the lady who has so kindly spent several hours each school day with and for them, was not lacking. It may interest those not familiar with the method, to know each lesson is accompanied with singing as well as motions, and those fortunate enough to have an opportunity to see and hear on this occasion were both pleased and interested. The chief requirement seeming to be unlimited patience on the part of the teacher.

Mrs. Anna Lofland returned to her duties in Philadelphia on Thursday, after spending a few days with her parents.

William Walton and son, of Philadelphia, were entertained over Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pennington.

The Junior Auxiliary of the P. E. Church met in Wilmington on Saturday. Misses Lucy Jackson, Mira Nickle, Lulu Jones, May and Margaret Everengam represented the Delaware City branch.

Miss Bertie Clark is visiting her sister in Philadelphia.

Miss Emma Jones has returned from a visit to her sister in Florence, N. J.

Miss Sallie Gassner is the guest of Mrs. William A. Jester.

Miss Ada Mifflin has returned home from visiting friends in town.

Frank Peach, of North East, Md., visited in town this week.

John Hoodner visited his home this week.

Miss Irene Davidson attended the 200th Anniversary of Old Swedes' last Sunday, returning on Monday accompanied by her father.

Mrs. F. C. Warner spent a short time in Philadelphia this week.

Mr. Wilkinson, daughter Helen, and Miss Mary Wilkinson were over Sunday visitors at Kimbleville, Pa.

Ray Keane was home this week.

Howard Foard, of Philadelphia, spent Tuesday with his parents.

Chas. Jordan, a resident of the town some years ago, died on Tuesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Lally, in Delair, N. J., in the 54th year of his age. His remains were taken to Philadelphia on Friday for interment in the family lot.

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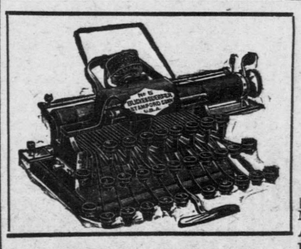

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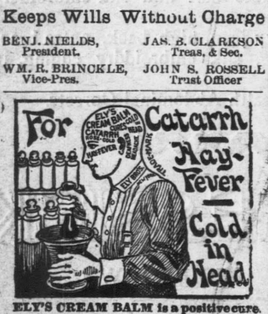

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MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MAY 27, 1899

Dead Men's Bones.

The most grewsome apartment in America is probably the demonstrator's room in the Flower hospital in New York, with its fantastic decorations of dead men's bones.

The name of the room is spelled above the door in letters made of finger bones. Upon the wall within appear in the same grewsome lettering the names of Dr. Howard S. Neilson and Dr. Northway Meyer, demonstrators. Besides these legends sits a grinning human skull.

Crossing and recrossing the room strings of bones interlace. Ribs alternate with the slender bones of fingers and toes. Up and down the walls, like ghastly white serpents, crawl coils of vertebræ. Arm and leg bones with highly polished surfaces are hung on the cupboard doors.

Everywhere the eye turns in this curious charnel house symbols of mortality start into relief. But it is on the large table against the south wall that death veritably sits enthroned. In the middle, heaped into a mound, bones from all parts of the human frame are surmounted by a skull. Here a hand, there a crippled foot, a cranium hollowed into a drinking cup—oddities of all grisly shapes surround the mound.

In a chair to the right sits a skeleton in leisurely attitude, leaning one arm upon the table as he watches the skeletons over which the sunlight dances.

The Sacking of the Tuileries, 1848.

The sight that presented itself was the strangest I have ever seen and has remained in my memory almost as vividly as if it were yesterday. The magnificent apartments of the palace were soon filled with as strange a set of ruffians as you could meet anywhere. It seemed as if they were all mad or drunk, and yet they were as jolly as sandboys. They seemed positively to revel in destruction and to yell with delight as they smashed and tore everything to pieces that they came across. There was scarcely a picture that was not cut into ribbons, and ornaments, however costly, were thrown down and broken to atoms.

While I was standing in one of the grand apartments, looking on in wonder, a little man, with a sword almost as big as himself, stood in front of a magnificent mirror that reached from the floor to the ceiling. He surveyed it for a moment, and then, as though he were about to storm a town single handed, went deliberately up to it and with one blow of his great cavalry blade shivered it to pieces. As they fell at his feet he put on a grand air and said "La!" as if this was one of the greatest deeds he had ever accomplished and the proudest moment of his life.—"Sketches From Memory," G. A. Storey.

A Vivid Description.

A short sighted and deaf old gentleman who was at an entertainment where a professor performed on a big bass viol, thus described the scene: "The professor carried on to the platform a gigantic beetle attached to the end of a sort of lamppost. He leaned over and fondly embraced it, tickling its back violently with a long comb.

"The spectators seemed much delighted at this display of scientific affection. The beetle was apparently quite unmoved. Then the professor gave a capital imitation of the drunken man and the lamppost. He swayed rapidly up and down, clutching quickly at all points.

"Sometimes his fingers quivered passionately upon one spot, like an ill tempered man struggling with an obstinate pair of braces. Sometimes he rested momentarily, as one rests after a contest with a stiff white tie.

"Finally, he gave a last convulsive tickle to the huge beetle, picked himself up from the lamppost and carried off the unresisting insect. The audience applauded vigorously."

A Famous House and Lot.

An article entitled "Historic Homes In Washington," by Catherine Cavanagh, in Munsey's, gives an interesting narrative of the home once occupied by James G. Blaine. The lot on which it stood once belonged to Henry Clay, who won it at a game of cards, at which he was always very lucky. On his wife being asked if her husband's gambling did not make her anxious, she answered: "Why should I worry? Henry generally wins." After keeping the lot a short time he swapped it for a Maltese jackass that Commodore Rodgers brought home from a Mediterranean cruise. He built the house. In it once lived James K. Paulding, secretary of the navy under Van Buren. Secretary Seward bought it, and was living in it when his assassination on the night of Lincoln's murder was attempted. Secretary of War Belknap afterward resided there, and finally Mr. Blaine.

Bees and Their Baskets.

Every bee carries his market basket round his hind legs. Any one examining the body of a bee through a microscope will observe that on the hind legs of the creature there is a fringe of stiff hairs on the surface, the hairs approaching each other at the tips, so as to form a sort of cage. This is the bee's basket, and into it, after a successful journey, he will cram enough pollen to last him for two or three days.

"Corpse Coins."

"Corpse coins" are treasured in the north of England. They are the coins that have lain over the eyes of their dead. By this means infection has been spread, but superstition causes the custom to continue. A poor collier or peasant would never think of doing anything important unless he had on his person coins that have been upon the eyes of his dead relatives.

Obedient Sadie.

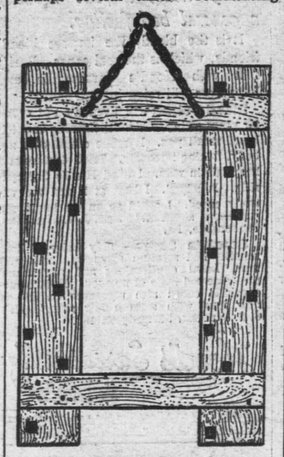
Little Sadie (who has been told she must thank God for everything whether it seemed good or not)—"Thank God again, mamma! I've broken your rose jar!"

FARM AND GARDEN

QUICK CORN PLANTING.

A Pulverizer For Corn Rows and a Convenient Corn Marker.

It is the custom of many farmers to plow for corn and follow with the harrow, roller or plank drag until the ground is level and fine before the corn is put in with a two horse planter. But if heavy rains come and pack the soil before planting it must be reworked, perhaps several times. Commenting



PULVERIZER FOR CORN ROWS.

upon the time thus lost in doing extra work and waiting for the ground to dry off between the plow and the planter, a writer in the Ohio Farmer has said: If instead of harrowing, rolling or dragging all this land before planting, each farmer used an implement that would pulverize thoroughly the row in which the corn is to be planted, leaving the middlers to be rolled, harrowed or dragged, after planting, as the conditions of weather and soil might indicate, there would be saved an immense amount of labor and worry.

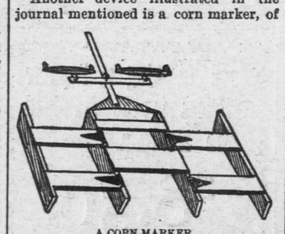
We made a simple implement that has saved labor and time and given us the satisfaction of planting as soon as the ground is warm enough. As soon as the field is plowed, we harrow if necessary and then start this pulverizer ahead of the planter. It pulverizes the tracks for the planter perfectly, leaving the middle as the harrow left it, ready to be rolled or dragged after the corn is planted.

To make the pulverizer we need two planks 6 feet long, 2 by 12 inches, and two boards 4 feet long, 2 by 6 inches. They are bolted together, as shown in the cut, so that the distance from center to center will be the same as the width of the planter or distance between the rows of corn. We remove teeth from a harrow and insert seven to nine in the 2 by 12 sides in such a way that no two teeth follow each other.

The hitch is a chain from a scotch harrow. Two horses attached as to the harrow or plank drag will do the work with the driver riding on the pulverizer if the ground is rough enough to require so much weight. The marker can be taken from the planter and used on the pulverizer, as the track made by the pulverizer will be the guide for the team and driver of planter.

To lighten the work of turning at ends we have used the truck of a riding cultivator, and by the chain attachment to truck and pulverizer we raise with a foot lever the pulverizer clear of the ground for convenience in turning and getting the spacing of rows accurately and easily. The truck and chain attachment and lifting lever we do not attempt to show in the cut.

Another device illustrated in the journal mentioned is a corn marker, of



A CORN MARKER.

which a correspondent says: I think it goes ahead of any of the things of the kind I have ever used, and they have been many.

It is a four row marker, but has hinges on it so it will mark on rolling or uneven ground as well as on level ground. The wings can be turned so as to go through a narrow gate or around obstructions in a field. I used four 6 inch T hinges and a common buggy tongue. My runners are 3½ feet long, 6 inches wide and 3 inches thick. Have a wide board on the center, so as to ride, if you mark by stakes.

Cultivating Sugar Beets.

In the early cultivation of sugar beets the ground should be stirred as deeply as possible. To accomplish this without covering the plants the ideal implement would be a cultivator with numerous long, hooked teeth, not more than an inch wide, one which might be called a cross between a harrow and a cultivator. Such cultivators are now on the market. After the beets have become larger a cultivator with broader shovels may be used in order to cut the weeds more effectually, but deep working of the soil should be carefully avoided after it has become filled with the feeding roots of the crop. The after cultivation should consist in keeping the ground free of weeds and keeping the surface loose, both being necessary to the preservation of the soil moisture.—Ohio Station.

TO FIRST VOTERS.

There is a constitutional provision which will become operative before the next general election is held, of which the general public may not be aware, although it has been published in connection with the Constitutional Convention. It is an educational test. It is "that no person who becomes of age or who is naturalized after January 1st, 1900, shall be permitted to vote who shall not be able to read the Constitution in English, and be capable of writing his name."

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SUGAR BEET CULTURE.

Till Early and Often to Keep Ahead of the Weeds—When to Thin.

The Cornell agricultural station has issued some observations and conclusions in regard to the sugar beet, based upon field work during 1898, the data being, much of it, the reports of farmers to whom seed had been sent for the purpose of carrying on this work. One point clearly brought out, according to the report, is the serious mistake made by many growers by deferring the first working of the soil till the plants had attained considerable size and strength. As soon as the rows can be followed a hand cultivator (or lacking this a hand hoe) should be used to loosen the soil near the plants and check any weeds that may be attempting to gain a foothold. Again, some failed to do the thinning till the plants were too large. Not only were the plants injured by the removal of those taken out, but the labor involved in thinning these overgrown beets is several times what it would be if the work were done at the right time.

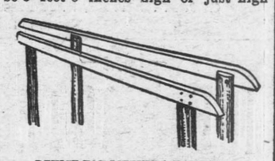
Bunch the plants with a narrow hoe when they are from one-half inch to 1½ inches high, and thin them to one in a place when they are two or three inches high.

Frequent light tillage is the secret of economically keeping ahead of the weeds, but as a rule beets receiving horse culture made better growth than those receiving hand culture only. The deeper tillage seems to be favorable for best results.

It is usually recommended that beets be thinned at about the time the second pair of leaves appear. It is found in practice that it frequently is impossible to thin the beets at the time recommended. From experiment at the station it appears that the yield per acre was considerably more where the thinning was delayed until the beets had made considerable growth. This indicates that where conditions are favorable considerable range may be taken as to time of thinning. With the weather cool and the soil moist thinning may safely be done when the beets have attained a height of three to four inches. However, thinning is such a slow process that it would better be commenced on time—viz, when the second pair of leaves appear, the plants should at least be bunched. The bunches may then safely be allowed to remain for a week or ten days before the beets are thinned to a stand of one beet in a place. If one could always be certain that the weather would be cool and the soil moist, then there would not be the imperative necessity for beginning thinning early. If thinning be delayed until there exists drought accompanied by hot weather, the growth of the plants may be seriously impaired if the plants are not entirely destroyed.

Lifting a Hayrack Off and On.

A correspondent sends the Iowa Homestead a device for unloading and putting on a hayrack, which has been of great help to him: To make this take two 2 by 6, 18 or 20 feet long. Spike each to posts, as in the cut. The shortest post or the top of 2 by 6 must be 8 feet 8 inches high or just high



DEVICE FOR LIFTING A HAYRACK.

enough to catch under the crosspieces of the rack. The highest end must be much higher. The post must be 5 or 6 feet high, owing to the height of standards on wagon or the height the rack must be raised to clear standards. Spike on some braces.

Set the posts so the team and wagon can pass between, which will be 6 or 6½ feet. Take a chain or piece of wire and chain from end of tongue to front crosspiece of rack. This is to pull the rack on the inclined 2 by 6. Take the team by the bits and lead them through until the incline has raised rack high enough, unhook the chain and drive off. To put rack on, back under and chain hind axle to the rack. Be sure to chain wagon directly under rack. Back team and the rack will settle to its place on wagon without any lifting. I have used this for some time, and it is all right.

Sow Plenty of Clover Seed.

The farmer who would keep up and ever be increasing the fertility of his land cannot well sow too much clover seed. In general, early sowing is best, especially if the ground is heaved or honeycombed with frost, as the seed will be well covered and thus protected from the late spring frosts. If sown late, the ground should be harrowed, even if it is in wheat, with a light slope toothed or common spike toothed harrow, as both the wheat and the clover seed will be greatly benefited by the operation. Sow plenty of seed—ten pounds to the acre is not too much, and if you do not harrow it will pay to sow at different times, some early and some later, cross sowing it. This is the advice of an Orange Judd correspondent, who adds: Where clover sown last spring is much lifted or "spewed," as a great deal of it is this spring, the best treatment is to reseed the ground heavily with a mixture of red clover and crimson clover seed, and sow upon it some good brand of commercial fertilizer at the rate of 200 pounds to the acre.

Preliminary estimates of spring wheat acreage from Orange Judd Farmer correspondents indicate very little material change from last year's breadth. Southern and central Minnesota and eastern South Dakota show a fair increase, while northern Minnesota and extreme North Dakota report inability to get in quite as much as intended. In Oregon and Washington there is a heavy increase in area due to the plowing up of injured autumn sowings.

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Philadelphia	27.25	10.20	21.53	3.46	5.59	11.10
Baltimore	4.10	9.15	12.05	1.46	4.20	7.53
Wilmington	8.13	11.04	2.35	4.27	6.55	11.56
Farnhurst	f 8.22		f 2.44		7.04	
New Castle	8.27	f 11.21	2.49	4.39	7.09	
State Road	8.33		f 2.54		7.14	
Bear	8.38		f 2.59	f 4.48	7.19	
Porter	8.45		f 3.04	4.52	7.25	
Kirkwood	8.50		f 3.09		7.30	
Mt. Pleasant	8.59		f 3.17		17.38	
Armstrong	f 9.03		f 3.21		17.42	
Middletown	9.08	11.50	3.26	5.18	7.48	12.39
Townsend	9.17		3.34	5.28	7.56	
Blackbird	f 9.22		f 3.39		f 8.01	
Gr'n Spring	f 9.27		f 3.45		f8.07	
Clayton	9.33	12.07	3.51	5.42	8.13	12.57
Smyrna..LV	9.33	11.57	3.41	5.21	8.03	
Brenford	f9.38		f 3.59		f8.18	
Cheswold	f9.43		f 4.04		f8.24	
Dupont	f 4.07					
Dover	9.58	12.23	4.14	5.59	8.34	1.16
Wyoming	10.05	f12.29	4.20	6.05	8.40	a 1.24
Woodside	f10 11			f 6.11	f8.47	
Viola	f10.15			f 6.15	f8.51	
Felton	10.20	f12.40		6.20	8.56	a 1.38
Harrington	10 34	12.53		6.33	9.07	1.50
Farmington	f10.42	a 1.00		f 6.41	f9.15	
Greenwood	f10.50	f 1.08		f 6.49	f9.23	
Bridgeville	10.58	f 1.16		6.57	9.31	a 2.14
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Delmar	11.08		7.00	8.00	2.15	5.30
Laurel	f 1.21		7.11	8.10	2.25	5.41
Seaford	1.54		7.23	8.24	2.35	5.56
Cannons			f 7.31	f 8.31		f 6.04
Bridgeville	f 1.48		7.37	8.37	f 2.46	6.11
Greenwood			f7.45	f 8.45	f 2.54	f 6.19
Farmington			f 7.53	f 8.53		f 6.27
Harrington	2.22		8.05	9 06	3.08	6.40
Felton	f 2.33		8.14	9.16	f 3.18	6.49
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